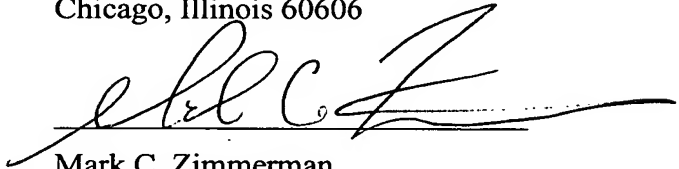


REMARKS

The applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing claims are in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office action and feels that a telephone conference would help clear up any unresolved matters, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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